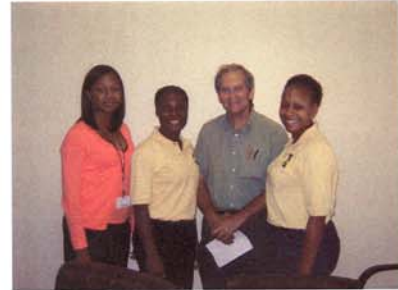


# GO FORTH AND MITIGATE

## *People Serving People*

### Greetings

Welcome to the second issue of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Mitigation Newsletter. Over the last several months, GOHSEP has increased its mitigation staff and grants management training efforts in order to provide superior service to you, our partners submitting HMGP and Expanded Pilot Program grant applications. Our goal is to deliver accurate and up-to-date information and guidance throughout this application process. If you have any suggestions that you believe may be of benefit to others, please let us know.



*Avoyelles Parish Director Chip Johnson with GOHSEP Staff*

### Important Dates

**July - September 2006**  
**October 10-13, 2006**

Parish Hazard Mitigation Visits  
HMGP Application Development  
Workshop, Lafayette, LA

**October 29, 2006**  
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HMGP DR-LA 1603 Application Due  
HMGP DR-LA 1607 Application Due  
Planning Pilot Grant Application Due

### Time Extension Will Benefit Parish Partners

In coordination with the Louisiana Recovery Authority, GOHSEP's State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Shane Rauh, granted a 60-day extension (to October 29, 2006) to all 1603/1607 and Expanded Pilot Program grant applications. Rauh explained that, "the extension creates an opportunity to enhance both state and local mitigation capabilities, in particular, how the State and its local partners work together on project development, grants management and project management activities."

### Mitigation Plans Across the State Approved

Over the last twelve months, Louisiana's communities have made great strides toward completing their hazards plans. One year ago, Louisiana had only (4) FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans. Since then, local partners, GOHSEP, and FEMA have worked diligently together to make unprecedented progress. Today, the State has (69 of 78) FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans, 88% of the state's communities are now eligible to receive much needed hazard mitigation grant funding. GOHSEP would like to congratulate its local partners, its staff, and FEMA on this outstanding example of teamwork and dedication.



*Washington Parish Director Tommy Thiebaud with GOHSEP Grants Administrator, Toni Plummer*

### Upcoming Grants Management Workshops

GOHSEP, along with partners, FEMA and URS Corp., are currently developing, a grants management workshop. We will be hosting the grants management workshop sometime in the upcoming months. The workshop will bring together grant managers from communities who will train alongside GOHSEP's grant managers and staff. GOHSEP will notify all invitees with the exact dates for the workshop. If you are interested in hosting a workshop, please contact us.

*"Success is relative. It is what we can make of the mess we have made of things." ~ T.S. Eliot*